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Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 12:18 PM
To: Friis, John
Cc: Jaya.Vijayasekar@vernonct.org
Subject: Re:Raised Bill Number 945, AN ACT CONCERNING WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS.

Dear Senator Gaffey, Representative Fleischmann and members of the Education Committee:

My name is Marie Hayes; I recently retired after teaching French for over 30 years in Fairfield, Connecticut. Before that I had taught in North Carolina, South Carolina and Maryland.

I am writing to support the passage of Raised Bill Number 945, AN ACT CONCERNING WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS.

There is no question that in an ever more interdependent world economy, a graduate from our state's schools who can communicate in a foreign language will be better qualified and more likely to find employment. If Connecticut is to maintain its standing as a leader in education, Raised Bill Number 945, Section C, is an essential requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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